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# **ORMC's Level I Trauma Center**

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- **Level I since 1983**
- **Served 10,000 patients last year**
- **3,500 were most serious who were admitted**
- **20% are Pediatrics (15 years and under)**
- **Seminole County - 9%**

# **What is Causing the Problem?**

## **Physician Issue**

- **Very complex situation**
- **Manpower**
  - **Lost 3 neurosurgeons**
- **Responsibilities**
  - **Reduced Reimbursement**
  - **On call at trauma center is time away from private patients**

# **What is Causing the Problem?**

## **Other Factors**

- **Medical Liability Crisis**
  - **Premium increases for high risk specialists who work in trauma**
  - **Inability to recruit and retain physicians**
  - **Shortage of Specialty Physicians**

# **A Complex Problem**

- **A combination of several solutions**
- **Physicians must agree to work trauma**
- **Need a sustainable solution to fix entire trauma system**
- **Must have cooperation of local, regional, and state governments**

# **Current Physician Expenses Incurred (Annually)**

Physician Salaries/Payments	\$5,480,411
Malpractice Premiums Payed by ORH	\$894,549
Indemnification	\$3,500,000 (est)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000,000 (est)</b>

# **Short Term Solution**

- **Timeline: 12 months**
- **Funding for 8 Critical Sub-specialties Support**
  - **Includes surgery, orthopedic surgeons, neurosurgeons etc...**

# Long Term Solutions

- **Timeline: After 1 year**
- **Funding to Support Employment of 8 Critical Sub-specialists & Additional Contracted Sub-specialists**
  - **Anesthesiologists, radiologists, plastic surgeons, etc...**

# **Short/Long Term Relationship**

- **Both are essential to sustaining Level I in our community for future**
- **Local & State Cooperation**
  - **Funding**
  - **Sovereign Immunity**
  - **Medical Liability Reform**